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=====TEXAS STUDY CONFIRMS LOWER AUTISM RATE IN HISPANICS (0:18)

HISPANIC KIDS ARE LESS LIKELY THAN THEIR NON-HISPANIC WHITE COUNTERPARTS TO BE DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM, AND SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS DON'T SEEM TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE, ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY IN TEXAS SCHOOLCHILDREN.

OTHER RESEARCH HAS SHOWN A LOWER RISK OF AUTISM AMONG HISPANIC INDIVIDUALS, WHILE ONE STUDY FOUND THAT HISPANICS WITH AUTISM WERE TYPICALLY DIAGNOSED LATER THAN AUTISTIC CHILDREN OF OTHER ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS.

AUTISM COULD BE UNDER DIAGNOSED AMONG HISPANICS, GIVEN THAT THESE CHILDREN ARE LESS LIKELY TO HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE AND MORE LIKELY TO HAVE TROUBLE ACCESSING MEDICAL CARE. WHETHER LOWER AUTISM PREVALENCE IN HISPANICS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO OTHER, STILL-UNEXAMINED SOCIOECONOMIC, HEALTH CARE DELIVERY OR BIOLOGICAL FACTORS "REMAINS A CRUCIAL AREA FOR FURTHER RESEARCH," PALMER AND COLLEAGUES CONCLUDE.

=====JAN 12, 2010

===== 7.0 EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

THE DEVASTATING 7.0 EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI IS THE BIGGEST NATURAL DISASTER IN THE EMPOVERISHED COUNTRY OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE FEARED DEAD IN HAITI'S CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKE, WITH MANY BURIED OR TRAPPED IN DEMOLISHED SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND HILLSIDE SHANTIES IN THE IMPOVERISHED CAPITAL..

=====1/16/2010

=====AZ-IMMIGRANT MARCH (20 SEC)

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS ADVOCATES RALLIED AT A PHOENIX, ARIZONA PARK TO PROTEST THE IMMIGRATION EFFORTS OF MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF JOE ARPAIO THOUSANDS MARCHED AGAINST ARPAIO, SAYING HIS PATROLS HAVE RACIALLY PROFILED PEOPLE WITH BROWN SKIN, AN ALLEGATION THE SHERIFF DENIES. ARPAIO SAYS THE PROTESTERS OUGHT TO BE COMPLAINING TO CONGRESS INSTEAD OF HIM. THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL SEARCHES AND SEIZURES AGAINST ARPAIO.

===== 1/19/2010

=====CHRYSLER RECALL (:21)

DETROIT - CHRYSLER GROUP LLC WILL RECALL 24,177 VEHICLES DUE TO A POTENTIAL DEFECT IN A BRAKE SYSTEM THAT COULD RESULT IN SUDDEN BRAKE FAILURE, THE AUTOMAKER SAID IN A FILING WITH THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION. THE RECALL APPLIES TO 2010 MODEL-YEAR CHRYSLER SEBRING, DODGE AVENGER AND NITRO, AND JEEP LIBERTY, COMMANDER AND GRAND CHEROKEE SUVS, AS WELL AS 2009-2010 MODEL YEAR DODGE RAM TRUCKS. IN SOME OF THE VEHICLES, THE CLIP RETENTION TAB ON THE BRAKE PEDAL PIN WAS IMPROPERLY FORMED, OR NOT INSTALLED, DURING THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS, CHRYSLER SAID. THAT COULD RESULT IN BRAKE FAILURE WITHOUT WARNING AND COULD CAUSE A CRASH, THE COMPANY SAID. CHRYSLER SAID IT WAS UNAWARE OF ANY ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES RELATED TO THE ISSUE. CHRYSLER SAID THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

=====1/26/10

=====TRUCK & BUS DRIVERS TEXTING BAN (25 SEC)

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TUESDAY BANNED HAND-HELD "TEXTING" BY DRIVERS OF LARGE COMMERCIAL TRUCKS AND BUSES TO AVOID THE DANGER OF DISTRACTED DRIVING. THE NEW BAN CARRIES FINES OF UP TO \$2,750. RESEARCH BY TRUCKING REGULATORS SHOW THAT DRIVERS TAKE THEIR EYES OFF THE ROAD FOR MUCH OF THE TIME THAT THEY SEND AND RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES, AND THEY ARE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE AT RISK OF GETTING INTO AN ACCIDENT THAN SOMEONE WHO IS NOT TEXTING.

=====1/27/10

=====TOYOTA RECALL, SUSPENDS SALES (45 SEC)

THE COMPANY HAS TAKEN THE EXTRAORDINARY STEP OF SUSPENDING SALES ON EIGHT OF ITS MOST POPULAR MODELS-- AFTER FAILING TO SOLVE SAFETY PROBLEMS WITH FAULTY GAS PEDALS. THE CRISIS STEMS FROM REPORTS OF UNINTENDED ACCELERATION INVOLVING TOYOTA VEHICLES.. SEVERAL INCIDENTS RESULTED IN ACCIDENTS.. SOME FATAL. INITIALLY TOYOTA BLAMED STICKY FLOOR MATS.. BUT AN EXPANDED INVESTIGATION LED THE COMPANY TO SUSPEND ALL SALES. OF THE CAMRY.. COROLLA.. RAV 4.. MATRIX.. AVALON.. HIGHLANDER.. TUNDRA.. AND SEQUOIA.. 2 POINT 3 MILLION TOYOTAS ALREADY ON THE ROAD.. HAVE BEEN RECALLED. TOYOTA HAS ALSO SHUT DOWN PRODUCTION OF THE MODELS AFFECTED IN NORTH AMERICA.

=====1/28/10

=====TOYOTA CAN FIX PEDAL PROBLEM (:20)

TOYOTA MOTOR CORP. HAS TOLD EMPLOYEES THAT IT HAS FIGURED OUT HOW TO FIX A PROBLEM WITH STICKING ACCELERATOR PEDALS. THE COMPANY SAID IN THAT IT PRESENTED THE REMEDY TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION. ENGINEERS ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO FIX THE PROBLEM IN EIGHT OF ITS MODELS. THE AUTOMAKER AND THE COMPANY THAT MAKES THE GAS PEDAL SYSTEMS SAYS THE ACCELERATORS RARELY STICK. BUT EARLIER THIS WEEK TOYOTA HALTED SALES AND PRODUCTION OF THE MODELS. IT HAS RECALLED MILLIONS CARS AND TRUCKS IN THE U.S., EUROPE AND CHINA BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEM. THE RECALL WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE COROLLA, AYGO, IQ, AURIS, VERSO, AVENSIS AND THE RAV4 SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE. MEANWHILE,

THE U.S. HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE IS LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE PROBLEMS WITH TOYOTA'S ACCELERATOR PEDAL SYSTEMS.